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Corps of Engineers Awards Pa'auau Stream Flood Control Repair Contract

By Honolulu District Public Affairs

(**FORT SHAFTER, HI – NR-28-06**) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District awarded a contract of \$522,325 to Niking Corporation of Pearl City, HI on September 15, 2006 for the Pa'auau Stream Flood Control Repair at Pahala, Island of Hawaii. Pa'auau Stream is located in the Pahala District south of Hilo.

The January 2004 rain storm caused erosion damages at various places along the toe of the stream slope protection and within the lava lined stream bed. This project consists of repairing damaged toe and boulder slopes and the removal of boulders and sediment in selected areas of the Pa'auau Stream Flood Control Project with the purpose to reestablish contact between the side slope lining and the ground by filling in the eroded areas with concrete in order to mitigate additional damage to the structures from future flood events.

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Repairs for Pa'auau Stream are authorized and fully funded by the Federal government under PL84-99.

The original Pa'auau Stream flood control project was authorized in August 1983 under Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended, in response to a request from the Mayor of Hawaii in June 1980, and was completed in October 1984.

The Hawaii County Department of Public Works is the local sponsor who owns, maintains and operates the project.

Pending the securing of necessary permits, the earliest anticipated construction start date is November 2006.